



**Houston takes care of  
its veterans.  
Welcome home!**

### *Transition Assistance Services*

**Housing  
Education  
Health Care  
Employment  
Claims Referrals  
Mental Health  
Transportation  
Mentoring  
Networking**

## **Greater Houston's Military Family & Community Covenant November 11, 2008**

**The Department of Defense and the U.S. Military Services; Active, Guard and Reserve, Harris County and the City of Houston Recognize:**

- The commitment and increasing sacrifices that our military families are making every day.
- The strength of our Service Members comes from the strength of their families.

**The Department of Defense and the U.S. Military Services; Active, Guard and Reserve are committed to:**

- Sustaining and improving Family Assistance Centers for families from all military services.
- Expanding our services to assist Wounded Warriors and families in transitioning back to society.

**The Harris County Judge and The Mayor of Houston are committed to:**

- Striving to make the Greater Houston Area the best place for veterans to live;
- Continuing to support our veterans and their family members through the combined efforts of our Veteran Services Offices which assist service members and veterans with access to deserved benefits, medical care, housing, employment, and higher education;
- Continuing initiatives such as the RVI Directory "Navigating the Road to Services for Returning Veterans" with our community partners, to ensure our veterans and their family members have the tools they need to access available federal, state, county, city, nonprofit, and faith-based resources; and
- Continuing efforts to determine and meet the needs of our veterans and their families.
- Furthermore, we pledge to do our very best to ensure an easy transition for our veterans, and their families, as they return home.

## **City of Houston Office of Veterans Affairs**

### **Guide to Veterans Services**



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Office of Veterans Affairs**

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**Phone: (832) 393-0992  
Or Call 3-1-1 for Assistance  
<http://www.houston.tx.gov/vetaffairs>**





## COHOVA'S MISSION

Assist Houston in becoming the best city in the nation through unparalleled service to our active and reserve military, veterans, and their families.

### Creation of City Office of Veterans' Affairs

The City of Houston Office of Veterans' Affairs in October 2007. The mission of the office is to assist all veterans of the United States Armed Forces through advocacy, referral and counseling, to ensure that neither they, nor their dependents, nor survivors are denied access to the entitlements promised to them by a grateful nation. Since inception of this office, numerous phone calls, emails and/or referrals from veterans and/or family members dealing with a variety of issues have been answered. This office works in cooperation with the Harris County Veteran's Services Officer (VSO), as well as other VSOs, veteran organizations and community partners to meet the needs of our service members and veterans, particularly in the area of Veterans Administration benefits and services.



### Navigating the Road to Services for Returning Veterans

With our partners, we have created a comprehensive resource booklet as a service to all of the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces.

To view this document online, log onto

[www.houstontx.gov/vetaffairs](http://www.houstontx.gov/vetaffairs)



### Welcome Home to Houston!

The City of Houston and its surrounding area is home to over nearly three hundred thousand military veterans that have served in every branch and conflict.

Over sixteen thousand of these veterans are returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and more are continuing to come home every day.

It is the City of Houston's mission to ensure that these service members have every resource for employment, housing, healthcare, education, mental health and claims assistance they need to successfully transition back into civilian life.